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SUBJECT.RATIFICATION OF IFAD AGREEMENT AND SECRET VOTING
PROCEDURE

1. EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
(EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH EMBASSY DEEMS APPROAC
H
WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE) AND REPORT RESPONSE ASAP.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
WHICH OVER \$1 BILLION HAS BEEN PLEDGED CONSTITUTES ONE OF
THE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES TO COME OUT OF THE 1974
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH A GREAT DEAL OF WORK HAS
BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THEN IN TERMS OF ATTAINING THE
NECESSARY LEVEL OF PLEDGES, COMPLETING THE FUND'S ARTICLES
OF AGREEMENT AND DESIGNING THE PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THE
FUND WILL CARRY OUT ITS OBJECTIVES OF HELPING TO IMPROVE

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE FUND IS UNFORTUNATELY STILL NOT YET OPERATIONAL. ONE ESSENTIAL STEP IS STILL REQUIRED: THIS IS FORMAL RATIFICATION OF THE IFAD AGREEMENT.

3. THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART HAS COMPLETED ITS DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND NOW HAS THE AUTHORITY

TO PROCEED WITH RATIFICATION FOR THE FULL \$200 MILLION U. S. PLEDGE. FOR THE IFAD AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO FORCE, INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION TALLING AT LEAST \$750 MILLION MUST BE DEPOSITED, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS WITH OTHER MAJOR DONORS OF CATEGORY I AND II TO ATTAIN THE NECESSARY DONOR RATIFICATIONS.

4. IN ADDITION, ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE IFAD AGREEMENT ALSO REQUIRES RATIFICATION BY AT LEAST 24 DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY MEMBERS IN CATEGORY III. SO FAR WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS DEPOSITED THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION. WE URGE THAT OTHER CATEGORY III GOVERNMENTS MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER THAT IFAD CAN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY BEGIN ITS IMPORTANT WORK OF ASSISTING IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FOOD PRODUCTION AND NUTRITION.

5. WHILE SLOWNESS TO COMPLETE THE RATIFICATION PROCEDURE THREATENS TO BE THE CHIEF IMPEDIMENT TO IFAD BEGINNING ITS ACTUAL OPERATIONS, THERE ARE ALSO OTHER RELATED ISSUES THAT MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY DELAY. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE CONCERNS THE EVENTUAL SELECTION OF THE FUND'S HEADQUARTERS SEAT FOR WHICH THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO CONTENDERS: TEHRAN AND ROME. SINCE ROME IS ALREADY THE AGREED PROVISIONAL SITE FOR THE FUND, THERE IS IN REALITY NO PRESSING NEED TO DECIDE ON THE PERMANENT SITE AT THIS TIME. INDEED, IT IS THE STRONG PREFERENCE OF A NUMBER OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO DEFER ANY CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SITES UNTIL THE FUND HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL AND TO DEMONSTRATE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND VIABILITY. HOWEVER, IFAD'S PREPARATORY COMMISSION, WHICH IS CHARGED WITH WORKING OUT THE PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THE FUND WILL OPERATE, WILL DISCUSS AT ITS APRIL 4 TO 8 MEETING ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES WHICH COULD BE USED IF THE SITE ISSUE MUST BE DECIDED BY VOTE RATHER THAN BY CONSENSUS.

6. WHILE WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT ALL ISSUES OF THIS NATURE CAN BE DECIDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND OPEN CONSENSUS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A VOTE, WE SUPPORT THE VIEW OF

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION WHO FEEL THAT
IF A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN, IT SHOULD BE BY SECRET BALLOT,
AS WILL BE THE CASE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE
MATTERS SUCH AS THE PRESIDENCY. A SECRET BALLOT ON THE
SITE WILL PERMIT SELECTION ON THE BASIS OF MERIT WITHOUT
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UNDUE PRESSURE FROM ADVOCATES OF ANY PARTICULAR SITE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED OF ALL ADDRESSEES: AFTER INFORMING
HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF PRECEDING, REQUEST INFORMA-
TION ON ANTICIPATED TIMING FOR RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT,
AND URGE THAT A CONCERTED EFFORT BE MADE TO ACCOMPLISH
RATIFICATION WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR TO SIX WEEKS IN ORDER
THAT IFAD MAY BECOME OPERATIONAL THIS SUMMER.

8. FOR MANILA, MEXICO AND MANAGUA. SINCE EACH OF THESE
HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION, A
SPECIAL EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE
PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF SECRET BALLOTING FOR IMPORTANT AND
SENSITIVE ISSUES SUCH AS THE HEADQUARTERS SITE EMPHASIZING
THAT WE STILL HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE MAY BE RESOLVED WITHOUT
BEING PUT TO A VOTE. (FYI. SEVERAL OTHER CATEGORY I
MEMBERS ARE MAKING SIMILAR APPROACHES TO CATEGORY III
MEMBERS OF PREPCOM. MEXICO MAY BE APPROACHED BY CANADA
AND WEST GERMANY AND PHILIPPINES BY AUSTRALIA. VANCE

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